

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
RIDGEFIELD PARK
October 26, 2021
7:30 PM

Mayor Anlian announced that this meeting is being held in accordance with the “Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10 4-6 et seq.” notice of which was sent to the Record, and the Star Ledger on December 28, 2020 and was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and Village Website.

ROLL CALL

Those present were Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian in the chair.

Also, present: Philip Boggia, Village Attorney; Joe Rella, Chief of Police and Tara O’Grady, Village Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Anlian.

DISCUSSION

Bob Benecke – Grant Applications, PILOT Programs

Grant Applications

Mr. Benecke stated the \$1.8 million and \$200,000.00 grant applications are ready and will be submitted – submission deadline is October 31st. The \$1.8 million grant is for roads and the \$200,000.00 is for the CSO plan – allocated towards Mott MacDonald fees. The grants do not in any way help the tax levy issue. Resolutions authorizing the grant applications are on the consent agenda tonight.

Mr. Benecke reminded the Board of Commissioners that the Village can bond for \$6 million over the next two years - \$4 million in 2022 and \$2 million in 2023.

PILOT Programs

Mr. Benecke discussed the redevelopment projects from Sturm, KABR, and Hampshire. He advised the Hampshire project will not happen unless Bogota approves it. Bogota would receive less tax revenue with this project.

Lot coverage on the KABR project doesn’t matter – can be cured with a redevelopment plan amendment. Attorney Boggia stated that Ken Ochab (Village Planner) did not think the KABR plan would get denied even with its deficiencies.

Mr. Benecke stated with Skymark gone, both the old and new tax money is gone. 3% of tax base is gone.

Mr. Benecke advised the Sturm project has a 60% chance of happening.

At this time, Mr. Benecke left the meeting.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Mayor Anlian advised the Veterans Day ceremonies will be on November 11th at 11am at the Euclid Avenue monument. This Saturday is the Street Fair 10am-5pm.

Mayor Anlian advised he met with Homeland Security regarding the utilization of one officer.

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HEARING OF CITIZENS

No citizens present.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Anlian announces that the following business is considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2021-109 Authorize Grant Application with the NJ Department of Community Affairs for Emerson Street Road Improvement
- 2021-110 Authorize Grant Application with the NJ Department of Community Affairs for Combined Sewer Overflow Remediation
- 2021-111 Authorize Grant Application and Execution with the State of NJ Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General for Body-Worn Cameras
- 2021-112 Authorize Tax Appeal Settlement – 180 Main Street
- 2021-113 Authorize Municipal Alliance Grant Application
- 2021-114 Appoint Registrar Personnel
- 2021-115 Authorize Cancellation of Assessment – 47 Ridgefield Avenue

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner Portorreal, that the consent agenda be approved.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

CLOSED SESSION

- 2021-116 Authorize Closed Session Meeting

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Olson, the public portion of the meeting recessed in order to convene a Closed Session Executive Meeting permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (8) Personnel

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

The Board of Commissioners convened closed session at 8:05 p.m.

On a motion by Commissioner MacNeill, seconded by Commissioner Olson, the Board of Commissioners returned to open session at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Gerken, seconded by Commissioner MacNeill to adjourn.

On roll call, Commissioners Gerken, MacNeill, Olson, Portorreal and Mayor Anlian voted “YEA”.

Mayor Anlian adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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/s/William G. Gerken
Commissioner

/s/Adam A. MacNeill
Commissioner

/s/Mark C. Olson
Commissioner

/s/ Wanda C. Portorreal
Commissioner

/s/ John H. Anlian
Mayor

/s/Tara O'Grady
Village Clerk

Approved on January 25, 2022